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<b>To:</b>	DME Providers Pharmacists Managed Care Plans Regional Administrators CSO Administrators	<b>Memorandum No.: 01-06 MAA</b> <b>Issued:</b> March 1, 2001  <b>For More Information Call:</b> <b>1-800-562-6188</b>
<b>From:</b>	James C. Wilson, Assistant Secretary Medical Assistance Administration	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expedited Prior Authorization Process for Selected Nondurable Medical Equipment and Supplies</b>	

**Effective for claims with dates of service on or after March 1, 2001**, MAA has established an expedited prior authorization (EPA) process for selected nondurable medical equipment/supplies using the specific medical criteria identified within this numbered memorandum.

The EPA process is designed to decrease the need for written or live telephone prior authorization. The intent is to establish criteria for coverage of selected nondurable medical equipment/supplies represented by specific procedure codes, enabling providers to create an EPA number when appropriate.

By creating an EPA number, the provider verifies that **all** specified criteria have been met for the requested service.

If **all** specified criteria are **not** met, **the provider must obtain prior authorization** from MAA, either in writing or by calling toll-free 1-800-292-8064.

All current regulations apply. All services provided are subject to postpay review.

MAA has updated the Table of Contents and sections D through F of MAA's Nondurable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies Billing Instructions, dated July 2000. Replacement pages i/ii, D.3-D.8, E.3-E.6, F.1/F.2, and F.15-F.32 are attached.

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